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SENATOR BURBACH: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Mills has an amendment for all individuals in the agricultural field to report. Now these people do not deal with the Secretary of State only people who have corporations. So, if we want a true inventory as Senator Mills indicated that he would like to have, then I would prefer that we make this the least objectionable and the least work for those people and that these same questions be applied on the assessment schedule that when individuals assess themselves they can complete this and then send it to the Department of Agriculture and it can be compiled there.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burrows.

SENATOR BURROWS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I think that there ought to be a fine line created here between individuals and corporations. Corporations are creatures of the state, they are not people, they don't feel they don't touch, they don't bleed. They are creatures of the state. To include people under...our constitution, is written originally in this country for people. Now under the constitution we have created these creatures, these business organizations that are corporations and the constitution I think leaves us the responsibility to regulate corporations beyond that of private citizens that take full responsibility full financial responsibility for their actions. For these farms are passed on from the father to the son and the family farm operation and corporations that are coming to agriculture are entirely different, different creatures. I think that we have got to recognize a difference between a person, a human being and a corporation. The stock holders of a corporation carry no liability if the directors follow the laws within that corporation. The stockholders are not personally liable for the actions of that corporation. With this creature we have created, we as a legislature owe a special obligation to the people of the state to see that they are regulated so that they do not step on the toes of the individuals that operate. If we mix individuals into this corporation, any sort of a corporation bill, we are breaking the whole purpose and intent of any of the original introducers. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills, do you want to speak to the Burbach amendment to your amendment? That is what we have up for vote. The question is the adoption of Senator Burbach's amendment to Senator Mills amendment. Record your vote. Record.

CLERK: 19 ayes, 2 nays.

PRESIDENT: Motion is adopted, or the amendment to the amendment is adopted, I should say. We now have the Mills amendment. Are you ready for the question on the Mills amendment as amended? Senator Warner.

SENATOR WARNER: Question of Senator Burbach, I think. Senator, I voted for your amendment if I understood it correctly, this is the form will be filled out on the personal property tax sheet, is this the one?